



Ambasciata d'Italia in Etiopia

STUDY VISA

Postgraduate studies

Applications for study visas must be submitted exclusively through the VFS Global Centre, by prior appointment to be booked online at the following link: <https://visa.vfsglobal.com/eth/en/ita/>.

Postgraduate studies

Students admitted to:

- Master's programmes
- PhD programmes
- Specialisation schools
- advanced training courses

at Italian universities (public or officially recognised private institutions) must submit the documentation required in the checklist below.

Please note that the Embassy reserves the right to request additional documentation.

The documents required to apply for a visa are:

- National or Schengen visa application form, duly completed and signed. For minors, the form must be signed by a parent or legal guardian.
- Valid passport + copy, valid for at least 3 months beyond the intended departure from the Schengen Area, issued within the last 10 years, and containing at least 2 blank pages.
- Recent photograph in ICAO format (3,5 x 4,0 cm), with a white background, taken within the last 6 months. For further information: [ICAO Photograph Guidelines](#).

- Proof of residence in Ethiopia. Valid proof of legal residence in the country where the application is submitted.
- Flight reservation. It is not necessary to purchase the ticket before the visa decision is made.
- **Original or legalized certified copy of the academic qualification**, together with one copy, and/or letter of employment. Final school or university diploma/degree, if already graduated. The educational qualification must be accompanied by one of the following:
 - A CIMEA Statement of Comparability and a CIMEA Statement of Verification of Authenticity; or
 - A Declaration of Value (Dichiarazione di Valore) for the educational qualification, if the CIMEA Statement does not explicitly confirm that the authenticity of the submitted qualification has been verified.
- **Two copies of proof of enrolment in postgraduate courses** (Master's degrees, PhD programs, specialization courses, advanced training programs), together with the summary generated by the University portal, duly validated by the University. Courses must be held at Italian universities, either public or private, that are authorized to award legally recognized academic qualifications.
- **Proof of financial means.** Applicants may provide:
 - personal and/or parental bank accounts and/or international credit or debit cards, together with bank statements covering the last 6 months;
 - if the financial documents belong to the parents, the original birth certificate must be provided; where the family relationship is not indicated, duly translated and legalized documentation proving the relationship must be submitted;
 - parents' employment letter or pension certificate indicating the monthly income, together with a copy of the Business License;
 - any other sources of income (business activities, rental income, etc.), supported by relevant documentation and proof of tax payments;
 - scholarships or financial support granted by Italian institutions or by the Italian Government.
 - The minimum financial requirement is **EUR 783.06 per month (approximately EUR 10,179.85 per academic year)**.
 - Cash, financial guarantees provided by persons outside the immediate family, bank guarantees and surety insurance policies are not accepted as proof of financial means. The assessment is based on the overall financial situation of the applicant's family.
- Proof of funds for repatriation. This amount is additional to the annual financial requirement and may also be demonstrated by presenting a return flight ticket.

- Proof of accommodation in Italy. This may be provided through:
 - accommodation declaration issued by the training institution ([Dichiarazione di Ospitalità](#));
 - declaration of hospitality or lease agreement together with a copy of the landlord's identity document;
 - if the landlord is a non-EU citizen, a copy of a valid residence permit and passport;
 - hotel reservation and proof of payment for at least one month.
- Travel medical insurance with minimum coverage of EUR 30,000, valid for the entire duration of the stay.
- Any additional supporting documents, if requested.